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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jack Moffit, Area Mining Supervisor, USGS

FROM: Donald A. Crane, Regional Director, Region V
Don Crane

SUBJECT: OSM Staff Comments Regarding the Proposed Coal Exploration
Plan of Meadow Lark Farms (AMAX), Emery County, Utah

The following comments and suggestions are submitted for your consideration regarding the proposed exploration plan of Meadow Lark Farms, Inc.

As indicated from recent communication with your office, since the plan will involve the removal of less than 250 tons of coal during the drilling program, my staff review has been in accordance with 30 CFR Part 776.11.

Generally, the plan complies with Part 776.11; however, we do have a few suggestions for certain areas of the plan and that we consider as inadequate. Our comments, presented as suggested stipulations, are as follows:

1. Alternate routes should be, provided for the 8 miles of new access roads, that are indicated to be established mainly in the ephemeral channels. Should excessive channelization and alterations become necessary so as to accommodate large vehicles, alternate routes should be considered and utilized.
2. It is suggested that the overall grade of access roads should not exceed 10 percent.
3. If drill sites are to be located on agricultural land, the cemented level should remain below the accepted depth for the given type of agricultural activity.
4. If feasible, it is suggested that native species of seed be incorporated into the seeding mixture for revegetation of drill sites and roads constructed to the drill site.
5. An archaeological clearance should be provided prior to conducting any operations.

Not
feasible

Mr. Jack Moffit

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For future applications it is suggested that the operator address whether the plan includes removal of less than or greater than 250 tons of coal as specified in 30 CFR 776.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ron Naten or John Nadolski of my staff.

cc: William Feldmiller, USGS
✓ Thomas Suchoski, State of Utah

*This would take 42.8 miles of core!,
1/4 million feet !*